



Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)

Application for an amendment to a clearing permit

Environmental Protection Act 1986, section 51M

FORM C4

Clearing of native vegetation is prohibited in Western Australia except where a clearing permit has been granted or an exemption applies. A person who causes or allows unauthorised clearing commits an offence.

For further information on the stages of assessment for clearing permit applications (including amendments to existing permits), refer to the [Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits](#) on DWER's website.

CPS No.

Date stamp

Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement

If the amendment of a clearing permit will or is likely to impact on a matter of national environmental significance identified under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) the original application must have been assessed in accordance with the bilateral assessment, and a variation under the EPBC Act is required prior to submitting this amendment application form.

To be assessed in this manner, the proposed clearing action must be referred to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act and deemed a '[controlled action](#)' prior to submitting this application form.

Further information is located in *Form Annex C7* and *A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the Assessment bilateral agreement* available at www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits.

Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?

☐ Yes EPBC number:

☒ No Proceed to Part 2

List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.

☐ *Form Annex C7* is complete and the required supporting information is attached.

Part 2: Clearing permit details

Amendments can only be made to active clearing permits.

Applications must be made more than 90 working days prior to the existing permit expiring to ensure there is adequate time to assess the amendment.

Permit number for existing clearing permit

CPS 6654-2

Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)

Western Areas Limited

FILE REFERENCE

Permit expiry date:

31 October 2025

Mark this box if there are less than 90 working days until the expiry of the existing permit.

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Part 3: Applicant																					
Applicant details																					
<p>To apply for an amendment to a permit you must be the current holder of the existing permit.</p> <p>Include Australian Company Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate or other entity formed at law.</p>	<p>Are you applying as an individual, a company or incorporated body? Enter details for one only.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>An individual</td> <td>Title</td> <td>Mr</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Mrs</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Ms</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Name/s</td> <td colspan="8"></td> </tr> </table> <p>OR</p> <p>A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)</p> <p>Western Areas Limited (ACN 091 049 357)</p>	An individual	Title	Mr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:			Name/s								
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<p>If applying as a company or incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address.</p> <p>DWER and DMIRS prefer to send all correspondence electronically via email.</p> <p>We request that you consent to receiving all correspondence relating to instruments and notices under Part V of the EP Act ("Part V documents") electronically via email by indicating your consent in this section of the application form.</p> <p>Where 'yes' is selected, all correspondence from DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) will be sent to you via email, to the email address provided in this section.</p> <p>Where 'no' has been selected, Part V documents will be posted to you in hard copy to the postal/business address you have provided in this section. Other general correspondence may still be sent to you via email.</p>																					
Contact details for enquiries																					
<p>If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise with concerning this clearing application.</p>																					

Part 4: Proposed amendments			
<p>Additional information to support the assessment of your application to amend may be attached.</p> <p>Please ensure you have included the following as part of your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a photocopy of the granted clearing permit, with proposed changes highlighted, and payment of the prescribed fee. <p>When providing details of the proposed change(s), if any additional clearing is proposed, include details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proposed method of the clearing; the purpose of the clearing; the period within which the clearing is proposed to be undertaken (taking note of the published minimum assessment timeframes for DWER / DMIRS, as applicable); and the final land use. 	<p>Indicate the types of proposed change(s) to your clearing permit by selecting the relevant box(es):</p>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extend the duration of the clearing permit.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared [for an area permit only]	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a correction to the clearing permit.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other.	
	<p>Provide details of the proposed change(s), and the rationale for it / them.</p> <p>WSA is seeking an additional clearing allowance of 20 ha which would result in the total allowable clearing under CPS 6654/2 to become 32 ha. Additional clearing is required to establish borrow pits for sand extraction to be used as a blended product for paste fill of underground stope to ensure ground stability for ongoing underground mining.</p> <p>Topsoil will be pushed up and stockpiled with dozer. Extraction of underlying sand to be undertaken by dozer or loader to a maximum depth of 3m. The cleared area will be rehabilitated with surface contours and native vegetation reflective of the surrounding unimpacted landscape for final land use of rehabilitated unallocated crown land.</p> <p>Further detail given in supporting document.</p>		
<p>For an application to amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add a land parcel to the clearing permit, you must have the authority of the landowner to access the land and undertake the clearing.</p>	<p>State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. Evidence of authority can include e.g. a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority signed by the landowner or other person with authority to give legal land access permission.</p> <p><i>[Attach evidence of authority. Note that a letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.]</i></p> <p>The Forrestania operations for which the clearing will be undertaken is owned and operated by Western Areas Limited who hold the existing Clearing permit CPS 6654-2 for which the amendment is sought.</p> <p>Letter attached gives legal authority for Bryan Williams to seek environmental approvals on behalf of WSA.</p>		
<p>Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend the size of the area to be cleared into another land parcel.</p>	<p>Land description: volume and folio number, lot or location number(s), Crown lease or reserve number, pastoral lease number, or mining tenement number of all properties.</p> <p>ML77/545</p>		
<p>You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise mitigate the need for, and scale of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.</p>	<p>Have alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need for clearing been considered and applied?</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<p>If yes, provide details:</p>		
<p>Refer to DWER's Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the EPA's WA Environmental</p>	<p>Do you want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal with your application?</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<p>If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline</i>.</p>		